

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-5 below by deleting items marked with a strikeout (i.e. ~~patent~~) or double brackets (i.e., ~~[[patent]]~~) and adding items marked with an underline (i.e. patent).

1. Canceled, without prejudice
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3. (Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A fishing lure ~~[[of claim 2]]~~ comprising:
generally rigid housing forming a structurally rigid and sturdy exterior, said housing being elongated and comprising a first orifice and a second orifice aligned substantially along an axis that corresponds to an equator about said housing, said first orifice providing ingress and egress to an interior cavity housing an attachment means and said second orifice providing ingress and egress to said interior cavity housing a tail for removable attachment and detachment, the interior of said housing being substantially hollow to accommodate electrical circuitry and illumination source (LED) for providing illumination to said tail, wherein said housing is formed of castable urethane and has an exterior surface having a variety of aesthetic effects, including the appearance of eyes, mouth, gills, scales and other suitable surface features observable on fish-type bait;
said attachment means affixed to said housing ~~[[wherein said attachment means comprises:]]~~

a substantially elongated shaft terminating at two ends, one end comprising an eyelet and an opposing end comprising a base, a portion of the shaft and the entire eyelet project outwardly from said housing through said first orifice;

an elastomeric O-ring positioned on the interior of said housing and adjacent to said first orifice for permitting said shaft to pass therethrough;

wherein when a force is applied so that said base is drawn toward said O-ring, [[the]] a return spring is compressed, and once the force is removed, the stored spring resiliently returns to the outwardly biased position, [[and]]

said attachment means threadably adjustable about said return spring so that clockwise rotation of shaft tightens the tension on return spring and counterclockwise rotation of shaft provides opposite adjustable tension; and

a light emitting diode being in electrical communication with a battery via an internal electric circuit housed within said rigid housing.

4. (Original) The fishing lure of Claim 3, wherein said tail section further comprises a fishing hook centrally placed within tail fibers selected from the group comprising feathers and fibrous strands.

5. (Original) The fishing lure of Claim 4, wherein said tail comprises:

at least one fishing hook centrally placed within a plurality of tail fibers;
said tail fibers gathered at a collar, said collar removably attachable to said housing through said second orifice, thereby permitting interchangeability of tails;
a second O-ring to provide a seal about said second orifice; and
a plurality of fiber optic strands intermingled with said tail fibers and having one end of

each fiber optic strand lying adjacent to an LED so as to transmit light produced by said LED down said strand and visible to targeted fish.

6 (New) The fishing lure of Claim 5, wherein said plurality of fiber optic strands are of various lengths such as to provide a multiplicity of ends that create a dazzling and attractive array of light spots at said ends.

7. (New) The fishing lure of Claim 4, wherein said tail fibers are capable of hiding at least one fishing hook.

8. (New) The fishing lure of Claim 4, wherein said electrical circuitry is capable of modulating said light emitting diode.

9. (New) The fishing lure of Claim 8, further comprising a means of changing said light modulation.

10 (New) The fishing lure of Claim 8, further comprising means of programing said light modulation to a preselected pattern.